

PUBLIC HOUSING — UNOCCUPIED — SOUTH WEST REGION

2573. Hon Colin Tincknell to the minister representing the Minister for Housing:

Can the Minister please advise how many unoccupied houses located within the South West region are:

- (a) uninhabitable due to not meeting minimum health and safety standards;
- (b) undergoing non-standard maintenance work; and
- (c) undergoing maintenance for reletting?

Hon Stephen Dawson replied:

- (a) The Department of Communities aims to ensure that tenants are living in properties that are safe, habitable and functional according to their needs.

The Department of Communities is unable to report on properties deemed to be uninhabitable due to not meeting minimum health and safety standards as it does not capture data on this criterion.

As of 31 August 2019, 114 Public Housing properties were vacant in the South West, including properties undergoing maintenance prior to being relet to an applicant on the Public Housing waitlist.

- (b) As at 31 August 2019, 29 properties in the South West region were undergoing non-standard vacated maintenance.
- (c) As at 31 August 2019, 35 properties in the South West region were undergoing standard vacated maintenance.